



WEST SCIOTO AREA COMMISSION

STUDENT COMMISSIONER

APPOINTMENT APPLICATION PACKET

THE WEST SCIOTO AREA COMMISSION (WSAC) SERVES IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO COLUMBUS CITY COUNCIL. THE WSAC MEETS THE THIRD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT AT 1001 VERA PLACE. MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:00 P.M.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS COMMISSION IS TO AFFORD ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CITIZEN PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY TO THE CITY ADMINISTRATION AND CITY COUNCIL AS PROVIDED IN C.C. SECTION 3109.01 AND TO FACILITATE COMMUNICATION, UNDERSTANDING, AND COOPERATION AMONG CITIZENS, NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS, CITY OFFICIALS AND STAFF, AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS BY PERFORMING THOSE FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES SET FORTH IN C.C. SECTION 3109.14.

West Scioto Area Commission Student Commissioner Application Packet

The West Scioto Area Commission (WSAC) is a community advisory body recognized by the City of Columbus that serves the residents of the West Scioto Area and advises the City of Columbus on issues in the area.

The WSAC has one commissioner position open to any high school student who will be 16 years old or older at the time of becoming a Commissioner (generally at the May annual meeting) and who resides in the West Scioto Area. This opportunity allows a junior or senior to serve on the WSAC as a voting Commissioner. The goal of the program is to engage students in working to maintain and enhance the quality of life in their area by collaborating with other area residents. This program also will provide students with personal experience regarding how the City of Columbus makes decisions that directly impact the Area and how local government functions.

Attendance at the monthly WSAC meeting is required and attendance at some other events may be required. The term of service for the Student Commissioner is two (2) years.

Students who are interested in the position are required to submit the attached Commissioner Expectations form and application as well as be interviewed by the Elections and Appointments Board. If you are interested in becoming part of the WSAC, please submit an application. If you have any questions, please email the WSAC at appointments.wsac@gmail.com.

West Scioto Area Commission (WSAC) Commitment to Student Commissioners

1. The WSAC is committed to the education and civic development of Student Commissioners. The academic success of the Student Commissioners is a priority.
2. The WSAC will prepare and train the Student Commissioner for all tasks they will be required to perform.
3. The Student Mentoring Committee chair will maintain regular contact with the Student Commissioner, answer questions, and provide guidance and training. The Student Mentoring Committee chair is also required to maintain contact with the school the student attends and the guardian(s) of the student.
4. The WSAC committee chairs will treat the Student Commissioner with the same respect and expectations as all other Commissioners in all aspects of committee work.

Commissioner Expectations

This Statement of Expectations must be signed by each person accepting the position as Commissioner on the West Scioto Area Commission.

1. All Commissioners are required to live within the boundaries of the Area as outlined in Article II of the West Scioto Area Commission By-laws.
2. All Commissioners serve on the WSAC without compensation.
3. All Commissioners are expected to comport themselves according to the by-laws.
4. No Commissioner shall represent the Commission in its official actions before any other public body or official, except as specifically authorized in writing by the Commission.
5. All Commissioners are expected to attend the monthly meetings. During the meetings, Commissioners are to participate in the discussion and decision-making process. This includes making recommendations to the City of Columbus on zoning/variance/graphic issues in applications submitted to the WSAC for review and comment. This will require you to review material, be familiar with the Columbus City Code, and be prepared to ask questions.
6. All Commissioners are required to attend one commission-related training opportunity per term (ideally, one per year).
7. All Commissioners are expected to serve on at least one committee.
8. All Commissioners except the Student Commissioner are expected to attend Development Commission, Graphic Commission, Board of Zoning Adjustment, and Columbus City Council meetings as appropriate. The Student Commissioner is expected to attend one meeting of the Columbus City Council and one meeting of the Development Commission or Graphic Commission per year.
9. All Commissioners except the Student Commissioner are required to contact the Chairperson or Secretary if they will be absent from a monthly meeting. The Student Commissioner must contact the Student Mentoring Committee Chair in the event s/he will be unable to attend a meeting or event.

Signature

Date

**West Scioto Area Commission
Student Commissioner Application**

Name _____

Address _____

Neighborhood/Subdivision _____

Home Phone or Guardian Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Best way to contact you: ___ Cell ___ Home phone ___ Email

Name of Parent(s)/Guardian(s) _____

High School _____

Expected graduation year: _____

Please list all activities you are involved in at school:

Please list any activities (and jobs) you are involved in outside of school:

Why do you want to become involved with the West Scioto Area Commission? What do you hope to gain from the experience?

What are some community issues that concern you?

Please select any of the Committees you are interested in serving on or learning more about (additional committees may be formed over time):

Zoning Communications Elections and Appointments Area Planning

Have you even been convicted of a felony? If so, please describe briefly below:

Please provide a short bio.

Commitment Statement:

By signing below, I understand that if selected to become a Student Commissioner I will be expected to meet the qualifications and obligations outlined in the WSAC By-laws and on the Commissioner Expectations form, including attendance requirements. If I am unable to meet these obligations I will inform the Student Mentoring Committee chair immediately.

Student Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date